

Stages of Growth that Determine Holiness of Fruit

From what **stage** in the growing process is a food considered to be a product of Sheviit? Are vegetables or fruit, which have grown during the 6th year but remain in the ground or on the tree for part of the 7th year, subject to the laws of sheviit? Are they subject to "Kedushat sheviit"?

The Halacha distinguishes between three categories of growths:

1) **Fruit** 2) **Vegetables** 3) **Grains and Legumes**

1) **Fruit. [Determining factor when emerged]**

Fruit that have *emerged*, (*after the flower has fallen off*) **before** Rosh Hashanah are **NOT SUBJECT** to the "holiness of sheviit".

Fruit that *emerged* **after** Rosh Hashanah of sheviit even if picked on the 8th year, **ARE SUBJECT** to the "holiness of sheviit".

2) **Vegetables. [Determining factor when picked]**

Vegetables that were picked **after** Rosh Hashanah, even though they grew on the 6th year, **are subject** to the "holiness of sheviit".

Vegetables that were picked on the 8th year even though they grew on the shmittah year are **not subject** to the "holiness of Sheviit".

3) **Grains.**

Grains that reached 1/3rd of their full growth **on** the 6th year are **Not** subject to the "holiness of sheviit".

Grains that reached 1/3rd of their full growth **after** Rosh Hashanah of Sheviit **ARE** subject to "**Holiness of Sheviit**"

PLEASE NOTE!

Fruit and vegetables of "Heter Mechira" are not subject to "Holiness of Sheviit", although some *recommend* treating them with holiness. The same applies to gentile produce grown in Eretz Yisrael. Imported produce (e.g. from Jordan - current practice in Sanz- can be consumed as usual, as in regular years. In the supermarkets there are notices indicating whether the produce is "Heter mechira" or comes from gentiles.

TIMETABLE FOR HOLINESS OF SHEVIIT

Very Important

The timetable reflects the times when holiness of sheviit becomes relevant; it takes a few days until the product reaches the market place.

UPDATE OF THE SH'MITTA TIMES

HOLINESS OF SHEVIIT

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Almonds	1 st Elul 08	1 st Elul 09
Apples	18 th Iyar 08	18 th Iyar 09
Apricots	1 st Nisan 08	10 th Iyar 09
Artichoke	3 rd Cheshvan 07	25 Kislev 08
Avocado	1 st Tevet 07	1 Tammuz 09
Banana	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Barley	1 st Iyar 08	1 st Iyar 09
Basil	3 rd Tishrei 07	3 rd Tishrei 07
Beets	3 rd Tishrei 07	20 Kislev 08
Broccoli	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Butternut	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Cabbage	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Carobs	20 th Elul 08	28 th Tishrei 09
Carrots	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Cauliflower	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Celery	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Cherries	15 Nisan 08	10 Sivan 09
Chickpeas	1 st Sivan 08	1 st Sivan 09
Cinnamon	-----	-----
Coriander	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Corn	1 st Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Cucumber	3 rd Tishrei 07	1 Kislev 08
Dates	20 th Av 08	20 th Av 09
Dill	3 rd Tishrei 07	20 Cheshvan 08
Eggplant	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Etrog	3 rd Tishrei 07	09
Fennel	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Figs	20 Iyar 08	20 Iyar 09
Garlic	1st Adar I 08	6 th Adar 09
Ginger	-----	-----
Grapefruit	1 st Elul 08	15 Chesvan 09
Grapes	15th Adar II 08	15 Nissan 09
Guava	13 th Elul 08	13 th Elul 09
Horseradish	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Kiwi	15 th Elul 08	15 th Elul 09
Kohlarabi	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Lemon	1 st Iyar 08	1sr Iyar 09
Lettuce	3 rd Tishrei 07	15 Chesvan 08
Lychee	10 th Sivan 08	10 th Sivan 09
Mango	10 th Sivan 08	10 th Sivan 09
Shesek	7th Adar 08	7 th Adar 09
Melon	3 rd Tishrei 08	25 Kislev 08
Mint	3 rd Tishrei 07	3 Tishrei 08
Mustard	10 th Sivan 08	10 th Sivan 09
Nectarine	1st Adar I 08	1 st Adar 09
Olive	13 th Elul 08	13 th Elul 09

Onions	3 rd Tishrei 08	1 Shevat 08
Oranges	15 th Chesvan 08	15 th Chesvan 09
Paprika	3 rd Tishei 07	3 Elul 08
Parsley	3 rd Tishrei 07	15 Kislev 08
Peaches	1st Adar I 08	1 st Adar 09
Peanuts	15 th Elul 08	15 th Elul 09
Pears	24 th Sivan 08	24 th Sivan 09
Peas	3 rd Tishrei 08	25 Kislev 08
Pecan	15 th Chesvan 08	15 th Cheshvan 09
Pepper	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Persimmon	3 rd Tishrei 07	15 Elul 08
Pineapple	15 th Elul 07	25 Kislev 08
Plums [Europe]	15 th Av 08	1 st Elul 09
Plums [jap']	1 st Iyar 08	1 st Elus 09
Pomegranates	15 th Av. 08	15 th Av. 09
Pomelo	1 st Elul 08	15 th Cheshvan 09
Potatoes	15 th Cheshvan	25 Kislev 08
Pumpkin	15 th Cheshvan 07	10 Sivan 09
Raddish	3 rd Tishrei 07	27 Cheshvan 08
Sabra	1 st Tamuz 08	1 st Tamuz 09
Scallion	3 rd Tishrei 07	1 Kislev08
Spinach	3 rd Tishrei 07	23 Cheshvan 08
Strawberries	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Sunflower Seeds	15 th Av 08	15 th Av 09
Sweet Potatoes	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Tomatoes	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Turnips	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Watermelon	3 rd Tishrei 07	25 Kislev 08
Zucchini	3 rd Tishrei 07	1 Cheshvan 08

Please note: the highlighted items are the ones to pay attention to, as the dates for Shevitt commence in Adar.